

Membership Meeting

Wednesday February 19 , 2025 @ 1800 Hours

Roll Call: (Quorum =7 /13 present and Over 5 Members Present: (Yes)

Commander: Juan Palacios

Adjutant: Russ Ludwig

First Vice: Leroy Brown

Judge Advocate: Vacant

Second Vice: Terry Ward

Chaplain: Thomas Clayton

Finance Officer: Cheryl Saville-Miller

Historian: Vacant

Sgt At Arms: Robert Andrade (Absent)

At Large: Rebecca Hardin

Service Officer: Mike Billings (Absent)

At Large: Chris Dauterman (Absent)

At Large: Vacant

Minutes:

Meeting was called to order at 1800. Appropriate Ceremony was conducted.

Minutes presented for review. Motion to accept Minutes by Cheryl Saville Miller / Second Leroy Brown Motion Carried

New Members recognized:

Voting on Membership. Motion by Bob Bonebrake. Second by Paul Gelinas. Approved for each.

Roland Tronson, USMC

Walters Cruz, USMC

Justaf Bayley, Stationed in Washington currently.

Sick Call:

Rebecca Hardin's mother was lost last week. She was 95 years old.

Jim Connely is not doing as well as we would all like him to be doing. Prayers are requested.

Officer Reports:

Commander:

Vietnam Wall information given. Recommended that people attend the opening ceremony! The commander has information on the traveling wall if anyone needs it.

There was a homeless type person hanging around Post 21 today. He was a large individual, had a "prison type tattoo" and admitted he was in prison for Armed Robbery. The commander paid for a meal, and the subject did leave. But please be on your lookout for safety issues around our post.

Tomorrow the Shower House is closed for remodel. Will open March 10th at the latest.

First Vice:

Working with the Commander to devise a program that when someone joins the military they are brought into the American Legion. The logistics of who is going to pay for it is still under way.

Second Vice:

Reported that the Volunteers for the Friday Night Dinners are short staffed with volunteers (3 needed) especially with the Legion members.

A new form is available for request for Activities at the Post. The Activity Committee will then address it and approve it.

Battle of the Branches begin March 2nd. Every 2 weeks after that is a new Branch. Legion after Dark last week had a band and standing room only! Karaoke next month!

April 9th - 13th is a 40 and 8 convention. Lunch and Dinner will be made for them.

May 26th is a fundraiser through Evergreen, the Sea Cadets and Post 21. Raffles and prizes available. This is during our Memorial Day Barbecue event.

Question from the Riders about if they need to come to the Activities Meeting to approve the date for their events as well. 2nd Vice indicated that the answer is yes. 3rd Monday of the month at 5:00 pm is the Activities Committee Meeting date.

Finance Officer:

The Finance Officer gave a budget report and expenditure report that was handed out to the board and membership. They covered the Month of January specifically. Those documents are available at the Finance Office at Post 21.

Legion After Dark event was talked about and a **Motion was made by Cheryl Saville Miller to separate After Dark from the rest of the Post 21 Activities. Second: Randy David. Motion Carried.**

Information regarding the Nomination Committee. Fliers will be posted with how to nominate someone or yourself. March will be the first Nominations and then in April as well followed by the Elections. **Bob Berwager made a motion to have a meeting prior to the election where people who wish to hold an office they can talk about what they want to do and why. Second Terry Ward (Withdrew). Discussions for an amendment that if someone can not make the meeting that they give a bio to be read at the meeting. Also amended that that bio reading or officer testimonials be done at the membership election meeting. Second Leroy Brown. Motion Carried.**

Information from the Club Manager. She is requesting only 3 volunteers on Friday Night Dinner from each family. The Freezer in the Honor Room must be left on. It was turned off and then did not turn it back on and we lost food (\$380.00). It also cost nearly \$700.00 to fix the switch on the Freezer. Repairs in the Kitchen: The Hood inspection failed. That will cost approximately \$14,000.00 to fix. We may also be closed for 2 days. Permits are being obtained so when we can do the work we will notify people of our closure. OLCC came in and our staff passed the Underage Sting Operation! Health Department came in and our Post received a 100 percent

on that. A&E looked at our security system and we will be replacing some items on the system and upgrading as well. There is a new Honor Room agreement / request form that people need to fill out when renting the Honor Room. It includes information that Veteran needs can supersede other events if needed.

Service Officer:

Not Present

Sgt at Arms:

Not Present

Chaplain:

Reported total Volunteer hours for Post 21 is 619 Hours.

Prayers for Jim Connely, Larry Brown and his wife, Terry Ward, and many others that the Chaplain keeps in prayer.

February is the American Legion 4 Chaplains month. In remembrance of the 4 Chaplains who gave their lives so other soldiers could live.

Adjutant:

Website is almost complete. Jennie and Rachel are doing a great job on that. Newsletter is almost due so get your submissions in soon. See me if you need any more information.

At Large:

Rebecca Hardin, No Report

At Large:

Chris Dauterman, Not Present

At Large:

Position Vacant

Legion Riders:

Gale Sears reported as to the minutes of the Legion Riders last minutes.

Vietnam Wall Ride, Our association with Macy's, Bob Berwager and a flag line team, the Legions contribution to the Scholarship Funds (Application for the Riders Scholarships are at all the High Schools). *Question from the Finance Officer about whether or not the money is guaranteed to go to a school/tuition, and if the Post 21 Legion would be credited for the scholarship regarding the \$3,000.00 contribution that was made for their scholarships.* Answer was no, they do not track the money or track to see if they go to school. The credit for the scholarships goes to the Riders and then THEY share it with the Post.

Gale presented \$500 to the Legion for the Maintenance fund.

May 14th Veteran Stand Down. Thomas Clayton is the lead on that project.

Sons of American Legion:

None Present

Auxiliary:

None Present

Restaurant Manager:

Report given by Finance Officer

House Committee:

Unfinished Business:

Ceiling Speakers should be installed by the end of the month.

New tiles have arrived and the Kitchen will get new tiles and Robert Andrade volunteered to help replace them. This will happen when the new hood is worked on.

New Business:

None

Ceremony:

Mack Dixon called from our Midst. Draping of the Charter. Taps.

Good of the American Legion:

None

Good of the Order:

None

Closing Ceremony:

Meeting Adjourned at 19:08

Next meeting next month 3rd Wednesday, March 19th at 1800 hours

Respectfully Submitted by Russ Ludwig, Adjutant

Minutes approved at the March 19th Meeting.